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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	M
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	Examiner Tien Dinh	Art Unit 3644	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 October 2004.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>6/4/04</u> . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Farley in view of Burnelli, Burhans et al, and Daude.

Farley discloses an aircraft that has a fuselage, two wings, and a tail unit extending aft of the fuselage. The control surfaces on the wings and tail unit can be adjusted to fly the aircraft as desired. Farley is silent on controlling the aerodynamic components connected to the outboard wingtip of the two wings. Farley is also silent on the control aerodynamic components being used to increase drag without influencing a lift on the aircraft and the main body used to attach the fixed plane member to the wing. However, Daude shows that main bodies (see figures 2 and 3) are well known in the art. Burnelli discloses a method of controlling the landing guide path of an aircraft having a fuselage, two wings, aerodynamic components/winglets having a fixed plane member 13 (perpendicular to the wings) on the wingtips with delta shape pivotable control elements means 14 (that pivots around a pivot axis that is perpendicular to the wing and parallel to the yaw axis and is in a neutral non-deflected position and extends along a control element plane) that vary the coefficient of drag without varying the coefficient of lift. The fixed plane member 13 extends forwardly from the pivot axis/joint. Furthermore, Burhans et al teaches that

the use of control surfaces (that are independently controllable) that increase drag without influencing a lift is well known in the art.

It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to have used aerodynamic components connected to the wingtip of the wings in Farley's system as taught by Burnelli to increase control and to increase drag without influencing lift to slow down the aircraft as taught by Burhans et al.

It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to have used a main body to connect the aerodynamic components (fixed member and control member) to the wings of Farley's system as modified by Burnelli and Burhans et al and as taught by Daude to create a stronger connection. Re claims 17-19, during the design stage, one skilled in the art would have made the aerodynamic components rotate in any manner that would allow the aircraft to fly as desired.

Please note that the adjustment of the control surfaces independently of each is obvious to one skilled in the art so that the aircraft can be more maneuverable.

Response to Arguments

The Examiner has used the newly cited art (Farley) in combination with the prior arts used in the previous rejection to reject the amended claims. This renders the applicant's arguments moot.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tien Dinh whose telephone number is 703-308-2798. The examiner can normally be reached on 9-6.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Teri Luu can be reached on (703)305-7421. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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